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The following is WWLP programming addressing Crime during the 4th quarter of 2010. These issues were addressed through our locally produced news programming.

News 10/01/10 6pm : 30

West Springfield Police are looking for a woman wanted for questioning in an alleged theft at a CVS. Detective Tom Guindon told 22News the woman walked into the CVS at 152 Elm Street just before 10:00 p.m. Tuesday night. A CVS employee told police that her pocketbook was stolen along with \$300 dollars in cash, credit cards, and personal identification. If you recognize the woman in the photos, you're asked to contact the West Springfield Police at 263-3210.

News 10/02/10 9am : 30

State Police have arrested 50 year-old Hermaninio Torres of Chicopee after they say he drove the wrong way down Interstate 391 while drunk. State Police Trooper Gary Woods told 22News another trooper in his cruiser noticed Torres driving his Dodge Neon south on the northbound lane of 391 near exit 4. Woods says Torres was weaving in and out of oncoming traffic at 75 to 80 miles per hour and narrowly missed hitting several cars. Torres finally stopped on the northbound side of I-91 in Springfield near exit 10 after state police had blocked off all northbound traffic. In addition to an OUI he's also being charged with wrong-way driving, reckless driving, and speeding.

News 10/03/10 11pm : 30

A shooting in Boston last Tuesday left four people dead, including a two year old boy. Yesterday night police made an arrest. They discussed the case today at a news conference. The Boston police fugitive squad arrested 35 year old Kimani Washington in New Hampshire yesterday night. They said Washington's capture is a significant development, but more arrests are likely. Washington is being questioned in connection with the murders, but has not yet been charged.

News 10/03/10 11pm : 30

There was an armed robbery at Advanced Auto Parts at 447 South Street in Holyoke tonight. According to Lt. Michael Higgins it happened around nine this evening. He said a Hispanic man threatened two employees with a gun and stole their cell phones. He also made off with over one \$1,000 dollars in cash. Police have not made any arrests yet.

News 10/03/10 6pm : 30

A Wilbraham homeowner has been credited with helping Police arrest the two men who had allegedly burglarized the man's home. Wilbraham Police Sgt. Daniel Carr notified 22News

that the homeowner on Red Bridge Road saw two men leaving his house in a hurry. Sgt. Carr said Palmer Police picked up 20 year old Damien Clayton of 34 Craig Drive in West Springfield, and 24 year old Enrique Ruiz-Perez of 103 Oklahoma Street in Springfield. According to Sgt, Carr, the two men were caught with stolen goods from both the Wilbraham burglary and a house break on Springfield's Allen Street the previous day. They'll go before the judge Monday morning. Clayton's held on a quarter of a million dollar's bail and Ruiz-Perez, one hundred thousand dollars.

News **10/04/10** **5am** **: 30**

Police say a New Hampshire man was stabbed in a bar fight over the Yankees-Red Sox rivalry. Police in Connecticut say 47-year-old Monte Freire was stabbed in the neck during an argument at a bar in Branford Saturday night. 45-year-old John Mayor has been charged in the stabbing. Officials say Mayor tried to run, but police caught up with him. Freire is in critical condition at a hospital in New Haven. Mayor now faces assault and tampering with evidence charges.

News **10/04/10** **11pm** **: 30**

Chuck E Cheese is supposed to be a place where kids can have fun. But tonight shots were fired in the Parking Lot of the Chuck E Cheese on Boston Road in Springfield. According to Lt. Robert Strzempeck, two parties at Chuck E Cheese got into a fight because one accused the other of stealing a cell phone. When the man accused of stealing that phone went outside for a smoke break, three to four men jumped him, and one reportedly pulled out a gun and fired two shots. Luckily, no one was injured. But, police are looking for two men who left in a grey car.

News **10/04/10** **6pm** **: 30**

A hold up at a downtown Springfield ATM this afternoon, Springfield Police Sergeant John Delaney told 22NEWS, a man making an ATM deposit at the Main Street TD Bank told police he was robbed by a man with a silver pistol. The money was being deposited for a Springfield business. The robber got into a waiting a green Honda Civic and got away. No one was hurt.

News **10/06/10** **5pm** **: 30**

New details have come in, in the town of Shutesbury's first murder in decades. The Northwest District Attorney's office says "70-year-old Paul Kirschner" who was found dead in his home last month was stabbed multiple times in his chest and abdomen. And his death is being considered a homicide. Police found the body of Kirschner in his isolated home on September 15th while making a well-being check. No arrests have been made.

News **10/06/10** **5pm** **: 30**

A man and a woman are accused of trying to steal thousands of dollars worth of coats from a Holyoke department store. In a news release, Holyoke Police Chief Anthony Scott told 22News police arrested Amanda Desmond and Jonathan Landry, both of Pittsfield after a high speed chase. Scott said the chase began after an officer spotted Landry running out of the Holyoke Mall Macy's with an armload of coats with their security tags still attached. Both suspects were arraigned and released on \$2,500 dollars bail.

News **10/07/10** **11pm** **: 30**

Longmeadow police have two suspects in custody after a homeowner interrupted a burglary this morning. Longmeadow police Sgt. Robert Stocks told 22news the homeowner came home find a woman waiting in a car in her driveway on Silver Birch Road. The car took off, but someone was still inside the house. She punched 911 and police arrested 29 year old Lindy Collazo of Holyoke and 34 year old Angel Gonzalez of Springfield. Sgt. Stocks said Gonzalez had \$20,000 dollars in stolen jewelry and electronics on him when police grabbed him.

News **10/07/10** **5pm** **: 30**

Three alleged drug dealers have been arrested as part of a Springfield police crime crackdown near the intersection of Worthington and Federal Streets. Springfield Police Sergeant John Delaney told 22news David Correa, Jose Manuel Nunez, and Hector David Lopez were arrested around eight last night. According to Delaney, Correa was allegedly caught with marijuana, Nunez with heroin, and Lopez with crack cocaine. Delaney called it a "one stop shopping atmosphere". The three face drug possession charges with intent to distribute.

News **10/07/10** **5pm** **: 30**

A deadly shooting involving a police officer happened in the eastern part of the state. Lynn police said a young man killed himself in front of City Hall this morning with a gun he took from a police officer during an attack. According to police the officer was injured, but not seriously. The young man's name has not been released yet. Authorities say he approached the officer from behind, attacked him unprovoked and grabbed his gun before shooting himself.

News **10/08/10** **5pm** **: 30**

Sgt. John Delaney says 28 year old David Allen Karbon Jr. of Springfield tried to rob two 14 and 16 year old brothers around 4:30pm yesterday evening on Larkspur and White Street. Sgt. Delaney told 22news the boys were waiting for their little sister to get off the school bus when they were approached by Karbon. The boys ran away unharmed. Karbon was arrested and charged with attempted unarmed robbery.

News **10/08/10** **5pm** **: 30**

Holyoke detectives say they think they know who robbed a bank this afternoon. Detective Captain Arthur Monfette told 22News quote "We have some pretty good leads on a possible suspect, and we expect to make an arrest soon." Captain Monfette said the man walked into the Lincoln Street Bank of America branch around 2:30, slipped a note demanding cash to the teller, showed her a hand gun, and walked out of the bank with an undetermined amount of cash. No one was hurt.

News **10/08/10** **6pm** **: 30**

A brazen theft caught on camera. The owner of the Salsa Rengue Restaurant on High Street in Holyoke said employees thought the man in the video was a customer but he had his eye more than just their pork and rice. The video appears to show him take some money out of the tip jar, then when the employees looks away he slips the whole thing under his shirt.

News **10/09/10** **6am** **: 30**

The Springfield Police 'lock-up' was filled last night as officers cracked down on problem areas in the city, arresting dozens of people. Jacqueline Jing joins us live now from the Springfield Police station with more on 'Operation Blue Heat' the streets of Springfield are a little safer this morning. Police arrested 50 criminals in the last 24 hours. Officers hit the streets on Friday morning in full force for 'Operation Blue Heat' targeting high crime areas. 22 people were arrested for engaging in prostitution and sexual conduct for pay. Undercover female officers acted as prostitutes and some men were arrested for offering to pay them for sex. 5 drug arrests were made in the South End, Belmont Avenue and Federal and Worthington Street. Police also arrested a person for Breaking and Entering in the South End. Traffic enforcement was also stepped up. Officers followed a zero-tolerance policy yesterday, handing out citations to speeders and traffic violators. Police also pushed some drag racers outside of the city limits. This mission wrapped up just a few hours ago. The objective of 'Operation Blue Heat' is to crack down on drug dealers, gang members, prostitutes and more. The 'lock up' was totally filled by 8 last night. Police say there should be more 'Operation Blue Heat' missions in the upcoming months.

News **10/12/10** **11pm** **: 30**

West Springfield Police are asking for your help in identifying a suspect in an armed robbery. West Springfield Detective Paul Connor told 22News, the suspect walked into the C-F Gas station on Main Street last night around 10:00, showed a gun and demanded money. The suspect made off with an undisclosed amount of cash. Detective Connor says the suspect is a while man in his late teens or early 20's, about five-foot-seven with light brown hair. If you recognize this suspect or have any information regarding the robbery, call the West Springfield detective bureau at 263-3210.

News **10/13/10** **5pm** **: 30**

A disheartening crime, just look what vandals on wheels did to the lawn of the Wilbraham Children's museum this week. Parents who take their children to the museum told 22News they're outraged that anyone would target the museum property.

News **10/14/10** **5am** **: 30**

A woman is dead this morning after a wild chase that took police through two states and then ended in Fitchburg. 40 year old Leslie Moore of Gardner was shot by police after the stolen car she was driving rammed several police cruisers. Police say it began with the armed robbery of a variety store in Fitchburg. The woman then drove through several cities in Massachusetts, and then switched stolen cars in New Hampshire before coming back to Massachusetts.

News **10/17/10** **7am** **: 30**

UMass police are searching for a suspect who allegedly tried to assault two women on campus. They think the suspect is the person you see here on your screen a white man, 6 feet tall with light facial hair. The first alleged victim told police that the suspect tried to grab her arm. The second reported that a man followed her into the women's bathroom where he pushed her against a wall. Both alleged victims were able to escape. UMass police are asking anyone with information to contact them.

News **10/18/10** **6am** **: 30**

Police in Lynn are investigating after they found a pipe bomb in a backyard. And it's not the first such incident in recent days. The pipe was found Saturday in the backyard of a house attached to a gas barbecue grill. The bomb squad was able to safely detonate it. But several homes in the neighborhood were evacuated as the bomb squad investigated. There have been two other similar incidents nearby. Authorities haven't said whether they're connected, but they're looking into that possibility.

News **10/18/10** **11pm** **: 30**

UMass students, teachers and police are on the lookout for whom they think tried to attack two women on campus. The Deputy Police of Chief told 22News the alleged attempted attacks happened in two academic buildings after normal school hours, when not many people were around a now dangerous situation, they've adjusted patrols to prevent. UMass security cameras captured a picture of the suspect moments after one of the attempted attacks, a six-foot tall man with light facial hair and glasses. Both alleged victims are ok, but police ask until a suspect is arrested - students take precaution. Police have charged Gorahkov with a long list of charges including assault with intent to rape, kidnapping, and assault and battery. Again, if you have any information that could help police, you're asked to contact the UMass Police Department as soon as possible.

News **10/18/10** **11pm** **: 30**

Springfield Police found a bag of guns at 6 Portland Street tonight. Captain Collins of the Springfield Police Department told 22News that officers were responding to a separate call on Portland Street when a group of teenagers ran away from them. Police found a bag that contained three loaded handguns left behind. Captain Collins said they could not find the teens that ran away and they are analyzing the guns for fingerprints.

News **10/18/10** **6pm** **: 30**

The fourth suspect in a Springfield shooting has turned himself in. Sergeant John Delaney of the Springfield Police Department told 22News that Craig McNair of Springfield turned himself in this afternoon at the Hampden County Hall of Justice. McNair was wanted in a shooting that happened at the Honeyland Convenience Store at Carew Street on September 22nd. Three other arrested have already been made in that shooting. McNair will be arraigned tomorrow on several charges including assault with the intent to murder.

News **10/19/10** **12pm** **: 30**

A retired judge and former district attorney pled not guilty today on charges he hit a police officer in Northampton. A judge from Worcester County was brought in on the case. Now Ryan faces charges of disorderly conduct and assault and battery on an officer. The former judge was arrested after he reportedly threatened the officer. Sergeant Jodi Casper told 22News that a routine patrol officer saw two men on the side of the road with a flat tire Friday night. Ryan allegedly became upset after the officer told him he could not drive home because he was intoxicated. He has been released on his own recognizance. Ryan will appear in court on December 1st.

News **10/20/10** **11pm** **: 30**

The longtime girl's basketball coach at Hopkins Academy in Hadley has been charged with sexually assaulting a student. Northwestern Assistant District Attorney Jane Mulqueen told 22News that Glenn Cooke has been indicted on four counts of rape. The alleged assaults happened between 2002 and 2003. The alleged victim was a player on his team. Hadley Superintendent of Schools Nicholas Young told 22News he was not aware of any allegations until late last week. He said Cooke was a coach at the school for nearly 20 years, but did not return this year. He said the charges came out of the blue and he was quote "totally surprised and shocked" by the allegations. Local residents we spoke with echoed that feeling.

News **10/20/10** **6am** **: 30**

A man from Shelton Connecticut has been charged with sexually assaulting a neighbor's horse. Police say they arrested 63-year-old Marian Wegiel (WEE'-gil) Monday night in his neighbor's corral. He told police that was comforting the female horse because she had been scared by a loud noise. Neighbors say they saw Wegiel inappropriately touching the horse, which was crying in pain. He is due in court on November 1.

News **10/20/10** **6pm** **: 30**

Agawam police are searching for a suspect accused of robbery a gas station. It happened around 4:45 this afternoon at the BP gas station on Suffield Street. Agawam police LT. Edward McGovern told 22News; the suspect showed a handgun and got away with an undetermined amount of cash. The suspect is described as a white man in his early 20's, about five foot three, wearing a tan baseball cap, a dark windbreaker, and jeans. If you any information this robbery, call the Agawam police at 786-4767

News **10/22/10** **5pm** **: 30**

A UMass student is in trouble with the law for allegedly breaking into the home of an 84 year-old Amherst woman. In a news release, Amherst Police Lieutenant Ronald Young told 22News that 21-year old Benjamin Campbell was arrested early this morning. He is accused forcing his way into an elderly woman's Chestnut Court apartment. Young said when the woman confronted Campbell, he ran away. He was arrested a short time later. According to Young, Campbell was disoriented and had been drinking.

News **10/24/10** **9am** **: 30**

There are still no suspects this morning after a man was shot in his shoulder in the Six Corners section of Springfield Saturday night. Lt. Alberto Ayala of the Springfield Police Department told 22News the shooting happened near the intersection of Walnut and Ashley Streets around 8 pm. He said the victim is expected to recover.

News **10/25/10** **4:30am** **: 30**

Police were at the Bel-Air Inn on Route 5 in West Springfield around 1 this morning after reports of an armed robbery. State and local police along with K-9 units were seen investigating inside and outside the inn for hours. No word yet on any injuries.

News **10/25/10** **11pm** **: 30**

22News working for you with an update on that earlier story about trouble at the Bel Air Motel on Riverdale street in West Springfield earlier this morning. West Springfield Police Sgt. Thomas Wilkerson has confirmed there was an armed robbery at the Bel-Air about 1:00 this morning. This is the way he described it. Two men with guns, both of them wearing masks knocked at the door of a guest room. They then forced their way in and took the money belonging to the couple living there. And the crooks carried out their crime without hurting the two people.

News **10/26/10** **6pm** **: 30**

Amherst police have arrested a UMASS student for allegedly selling quote "large amounts" of psychedelic mushrooms and marijuana. Lieutenant Ronald young told 22news police arrested 21 year old Steven Samson of Enfield during a drug bust on North Pleasant Street in

Amherst. Lt. Young told 22news police have charged Samson with possession of psilocybin with intent to distribute, and Drug violation in a school zone.

News **10/27/10** **5am** **: 30**

Police in Springfield are searching for suspects of an armed robbery. It happened at a convenience store but they weren't looking for cash. Lt. Kevin Wood told 22news that 3 black men with masks and gloves walked into the Quickstop on Carew Street just before 11 last night. They had handguns with them and demanded Newport cigarettes and cigars. Police later found a trail of the stolen cigarettes along Newbury Street. The clerk is ok.

News **10/27/10** **5am** **: 30**

Springfield police are on the lookout for a blond bandit. Springfield police Captain Peter Dillon told 22News that a man with long blond hair or maybe a wig robbed the Sumner Avenue TD Bank around nine this morning. The man walked into the bank, showed the teller a note and took off with some cash. If you have any information, you're asked to call the Springfield Police Detective Bureau at 787-6355.

News **10/31/10** **9am** **: 30**

Springfield Police are trying to figure out this morning who held up a convenience store on Boston Road. Captain Cheryl Clapprood told 22News around 11:00 Saturday night, a man showed the clerk working at Tedeschi a pocket knife, then stole some money. Clapprood said they are looking for a Black man in his 20s that's about 5' 5" who was last seen wearing a white jacket with the letter "A" in the front with an Elmer Fud hat. He was also reportedly wearing a blue glove on his right hand.

News **11/02/10** **4:30am** **: 30**

Amherst police captured a robbery suspect. Lieutenant Ronald Young told 22News Andrew Lee Hopkins broke into Ren's Mobil Station on North Pleasant Street early Saturday morning, and emptied the cash drawer. But police spotted the 22-year-old Athol man nearby, and found the cash tucked into his shoes and socks. Hopkins has been charged with Breaking and Entering and Larceny.

News **11/02/10** **5pm** **: 30**

A fugitive from Florida was captured this morning in Springfield. 27 year-old Jose Roman-Martinez was arrested early this morning at 86 Euclid Avenue in Springfield. He was wanted in Florida on aggravated assault with a firearm and other charges. According to the US Marshals Service he pulled out a handgun and fired into the air during a memorial service.

News **11/03/10** **11pm** **: 30**

We begin with breaking news tonight out of Springfield where detectives are investigating the city's 13th murder of 2010. She's joins us now on State Street where the victim was seen pleading for help from passersby. Barry, the bleeding victim was seen running out here onto State Street where he attempted to stop cars to get help. Springfield Police Captain William Collins told 22News the 21 year old man collapsed in the road near Mapledell Street shortly just after six o'clock tonight. He had been stabbed at least once in the stomach area. The victim later died at Baystate Medical Center. We spoke with witnesses tonight who originally thought someone was hit by a car.

News **11/04/10** **5pm** **: 30**

A lot of police activity in one West Springfield neighborhood this morning. State, federal and local police joined New York City police to arrest two murder suspects. Massachusetts State Trooper Gary Woods told 22NEWS the State Police Violent Fugitive Apprehension Squad, Federal Marshals, New York City Detectives, and West Springfield police arrested a man and a woman wanted for an October 21st homicide in Manhattan. Police took 34 year old Rohan Hutchinson and 29 year old Keosha Kowlessar from 22 Fairview Ave in handcuffs, and brought them to West Springfield Police Headquarters. State Police told 22News that Hutchinson was wanted for stabbing a man to death during a drug deal last month.

News **11/05/10** **6am** **: 30**

Police have arrested a suspect in connection with brutal sexual assault in Springfield's Van Horn Park. According to a Springfield Police news release 25 year old Felix Marrero of Brookline Avenue was arrested around eleven this morning. He is being held without right to bail. Marrero is accused of raping a 16 year-old girl who was walking on bike path in the park. The alleged attack happened on September 21st. Marrero faces aggravated rape and several other charges. He's scheduled to be arraigned on Monday.

News **11/06/10** **6pm** **: 30**

Two Alleged Springfield crack dealers Omar McLaurin and Michael Taley, both of them in their 20s, were arrested early this morning. Springfield Police spokesman Sgt. John Delaney notified 22News that their car almost hit a police cruiser on Chestnut Street. He said the cops searched the car and found a lot of crack cocaine along with a full loaded 38 caliber revolver. Delaney noted that McLaurin was driving with a suspended license.

News **11/07/10** **7am** **: 30**

Springfield police are trying to figure out this morning, which's responsible for two separate stabbings over night. Springfield police are still looking for suspects in the two stabbings. Springfield Police Lt. John Slepchuk told 22News the first stabbing happened at around 1:30 this morning. A 23 year old Springfield man had been stabbed his left shoulder. This first incident was on Worthington and Dwight Street. The other stabbing was just 30 minutes later. Police were called to the six corners section of Springfield. A 28 year old Springfield

man had been stabbed in the right hand. Police tell us they don't have any descriptions of the suspects. But victims are expected to make a full recovery.

News **11/08/10** **5pm** **: 30**

Two local teenagers facing criminal charges after a search by Amherst Police allegedly found a large quantity of drugs in their vehicle. According to an Amherst Police new release, Shane Mathieson-Jacob, 17, of Goshen, and Jeffrey Helfant, 17, of Greenfield, were arrested Saturday. Lt. Ronald Young said that police saw Mathieson-Jacob and Helfant inside the car, which was parked on Hobart Lane. When police searched the car, they allegedly found large amounts of marijuana and cash. Mathieson-Jacob was also allegedly carrying a .22 caliber pistol. Both teens face numerous charges.

News **11/08/10** **6pm** **: 30**

State Police seized cocaine and cash after stopping car on Route 290 in Worcester on Saturday. Joel Alicea of Lawrence and Alejandro Nunez Perez of Methuen were pulled over for speeding. That's when a state trooper noticed a strong smell of air fresheners from the car. A state police dog sniffed-out the drugs, including a half-kilogram of cocaine, which was hidden in a compartment built for a car airbag. Police also found \$33,000 in cash. Alicea told police that he and Perez had gone to Springfield to buy diapers for his daughter. Both men face numerous drug charges.

News **11/09/10** **12pm** **: 30**

Amherst Police have arrested a UMass student in connection with the alleged beating of a man in Amherst last month. According to a news release from the Amherst Police Department 19 year old Timothy Martin of Fall River has been arrested and charged with assault and battery with a dangerous weapon. It happened October 31st in the area of Puffton Village when police found a 19 year old victim from Agawam who had been struck in the head by a baseball bat or piece of wood. The victim survived and has been treated and released from the hospital. Martin will be arraigned today in Eastern Hampshire District Court.

News **11/09/10** **5pm** **: 30**

Westfield Police need your help in indentifying a woman who allegedly robbed Al's Tire Shop at 918 Southampton Road. According to police on Tuesday, October 26th, a woman walked into the business around 4pm and bought a used tire. When the employees left the counter area, the woman allegedly opened the register and stole a large amount of cash. Westfield police believe the woman was driving a white Pontiac Grand Prix or Grand AM. If you have any information please call the Westfield Police Department Detective Bureau at 572 - 6400.

News **11/09/10** **5pm** **: 30**

A man who allegedly robbed a Chinese restaurant delivery driver has been arrested after returning to the same Springfield restaurant to buy food. According to a Springfield police news release 23-year old Edward Blatch of Springfield was arrested inside the "Fu Wong" restaurant on Worthington Street Monday afternoon. Blatch was allegedly part of a robbery where his friend pointed a rifle at a driver from Fu Wong back in September. Sgt. John Delaney told 22News the driver was in the restaurant and recognized Blatch when he showed up.

News **11/10/10** **12pm** **: 30**

A man wanted on kidnapping charges was found by Springfield police hiding in a closet. According to Sgt. Delaney 25 year old Jose Dejesus was arrested at his Eagle Street home and charged with two counts of kidnapping larceny of a motor vehicle and violation of a restraining order.

News **11/10/10** **5pm** **: 30**

A man who checked into Springfield's Worthington Street homeless shelter has been arrested for attempted murder. According to Sgt. John Delaney 31 year old Angel Andino has been charged with armed assault with intent to murder for allegedly stabbing a man on Worthington Street multiple times yesterday afternoon. There are also warrants for Andino out of New Bedford on charges of assault and battery and intimidating a witness. The man who was is expected to recover.

News **11/10/10** **6pm** **: 30**

It was a frightening morning for an elderly Springfield man who left his home briefly returned and was attacked by an alleged burglar inside his home. Wednesday morning an 85 year old Springfield man was unaware he was in the process of being robbed. Springfield Police Sergeant John Delaney told 22News the suspect, realizing someone was home, snuck up behind the elderly man and struck him. That suspect then took off from the home on Island Pond Road with jewelry and other valuables. The elderly man was rushed to the hospital; Sergeant Delaney said he is expected to be okay. But, from Springfield to Longmeadow police say break-ins are on the rise and they're asking residents to be vigilant. Police in Agawam, East Longmeadow and Chicopee told 22News that breaks-ins has been a problem, but they are slowing down as the temperatures drop. As gold prices go up many burglars are targeting jewelry, some are searching for prescription drugs or even big jars of change...anything they can turn to cash, quick. Springfield Police are still searching for the suspect in the Island Pond Road burglary.

News **11/11/10** **11pm** **: 30**

Springfield Police say a Connecticut man kicked and punched an elderly man in the head during a housebreak. Sgt. John Delaney told 22News the 85 year old victim was viciously attacked when he interrupted a burglary in his home this morning. Sgt Delaney said information and trace evidence in the victim's home led them to a car in Chicopee, and they

arrested 26 year old Robert Roy of Windsor Locks. He'll be arraigned on charges of breaking and entering, and assault and battery on a person over 60 with serious injury.

News **11/12/10** **6am** **: 30**

Breaking news out of Holyoke, a man was shot in the chest outside a bar overnight. A man in his 20s or 30s was shot in the chest, one time here on High and Lyman Streets. Sergeant Larry Cournoyer told 22News, shortly before 1a.m. an argument broke out near High and Lyman Streets. And a man in his 20s or 30s was shot in the chest one time. He was rushed to the hospital. Cournoyer says the injury was serious, but the victim is still alive. No one has been arrested. If you have any information please contact the Holyoke Police. We'll bring you more details on this story, once they become available.

News **11/13/10** **6am** **: 30**

Springfield police are investigating a stabbing of a homeless Springfield man this morning. Just a few hours ago Springfield police came to 1500 Main Street after a call came in about a stabbing. Springfield police Lt. John Slepchuk told us a 48 year old Springfield homeless man was taken to Bay State Medical center. The stabbing happened in the area of Bridge Street and East Columbus Avenue near some benches. Just moments before an ambulance rushed the man to the hospital. Police arrived at the area at around 4 am. After investigation, police found he had not been robbed and they are still unsure why he was stabbed. Right now the man is being treated for several facial injuries but he's expected to be ok.

News **11/14/10** **7am** **: 30**

Springfield Police are searching for a man they say is "dangerous." Police believe this man, 28 year old Joseph Gonzalez, is responsible for the fire at 85 Rochelle Street in Springfield Saturday morning. That's where his ex-girlfriend and one year old son lived, along with seven other people. The home was destroyed, luckily no one was injured. Gonzalez has been charged with nine counts of attempted murder and arson. Detective Mike Chapin told 22News Gonzalez has a record; he's already served time in prison for manslaughter. If you know anything that can help police, you're asked to contact them at 413-787-6302.

News **11/15/10** **5pm** **: 30**

Springfield Police say that the help of concerned citizens helped lead to the arrest of two men who they believe broke into a Forest Park home. Sergeant John Delaney told 22News 21-year old Brian Slater and 19 year old James Arnold, both of Springfield, were arrested yesterday after allegedly breaking into a house on Hartwick Street. Springfield Police are warning that burglars often knock on doors, asking if someone is home before saying that they have "the wrong house." In the event that no one answers, Sgt. Delaney says they then break into the home. If you see this happening, you are asked to call police.

News **11/15/10** **5pm** **: 30**

Connecticut Police say they've identified a suspect in the rape of a woman who was jogging in a West Hartford neighborhood. Police identified the suspect as 31-year old Eddie Monroig (mon-roy) Rosario. The rape happened the morning of October 27th. Forensic evidence found on the jogger matched up to Rosario in a national database. Residents in the neighborhood say they feel some relief that a suspect has been named.

News **11/16/10** **5pm** **: 30**

Northampton Police need your help to find a man who allegedly forced someone to withdraw cash from a downtown ATM at knifepoint. The robbery happened on Saturday afternoon. According to a Northampton Police news release, the man pulled a knife on the victim and demanded a cash withdrawal from an ATM at Thorne's Marketplace. If you have any information about the suspect, you are asked to call the Northampton Police Detective Bureau at (413) 587-1105.

News **11/17/10** **11pm** **: 30**

We begin with breaking news out of Springfield, where police arrested a man who allegedly punched a woman in the face during an attempted car-jacking. The woman's child was in the car at the time. Springfield Police Captain William Collins told 22News the man punched the woman when she refused to get out of her parked car on Fort Pleasant Ave around 9:30 tonight. She stepped on the gas to get away, but ran into something that stopped the car. The woman's boyfriend came out of his house and struggled with the man who ran away as police arrived. Police quickly caught up with him. Captain Collins said the suspect was being booked, and will likely be charged with car-jacking and assault and battery

News **11/17/10** **11pm** **: 30**

A suspect was wounded in Worcester today after a gunfight with the cops. Police Sgt. Kerry Hazlehurst said officers were trying to arrest the suspect on outstanding warrants when he ran away. The chase led officers to a parking lot where the man reportedly turned and opened fire on the police.

News **11/17/10** **11pm** **: 30**

Authorities are still investigating the discovery of a man's body found on a residential street in the upscale Boston suburb of Milton. Initial autopsy results on the mutilated body, found Monday night, have not revealed how he died. Police Chief Richard Wells called the discovery "gruesome" and said the case is considered a homicide. Investigators do not believe the victim lived in the neighborhood where he was found. Police are looking for two vehicles seen in the area that night.

News **11/18/10** **4am** **: 30**

Eddie Monroig Rosario is in jail in Springfield this morning without bail until he is returned to Connecticut to face rape charges. He's charged as a fugitive from justice and resisting arrest, according to the District Attorney's office. Springfield Police arrested him Tuesday. He is accused of raping a jogger in West Hartford last month. Forensic evidence found on the jogger matched Rosario in a national database.

News **11/19/10** **11pm** **: 30**

A Boston cab driver is accused of kidnapping a customer. A woman says the driver took her on a terrifying ride until cops rescued her. But the cabbie says it's all just a misunderstanding. Cab driver, Osei Kwame, is swarmed by reporters as he leaves court after pleading not guilty to charges he kidnapped a female fare. "They refused to pay." The 62-year-old, accused by his alleged victim of ignoring her pleas as he sped off into the darkness with her terrified and trapped.

News **11/19/10** **6am** **: 30**

A couple from Westborough has been found dead in their home in what police say appears to be a murder-suicide. A neighbor found a note at the front door of the house telling their two children to stay outside and call the police. Authorities say 43-year-old Richard "Todd" Bibart and his 41-year-old wife, Rebecca were going through a divorce and their house was for sale. Their children have been placed in the custody of the State Department of Children and Families

News **11/20/10** **6am** **: 30**

The Agawam School Department is looking into a possible case of hazing involving the high school's football team. Superintendent Dr. Mary Czajkowski told 22News that football practice was canceled on Friday and over the weekend, while they look into the claims. The incident reportedly happened at the high school and was first reported to administrators Wednesday night. Dr. Czajkowski wouldn't say how many students or football players were involved, she'd only say that disciplinary action has been taken.

News **11/22/10** **11pm** **: 30**

A potentially dangerous situation in Orange has been defused by a State Police hostage negotiator. This reportedly happened at 525 East Main Street in Orange around 4:00 this evening. According to State Police spokesman David Wilson, a state police hostage negotiator and a swat team were sent to the home to break up the conflict. He said the man who had taken the hostage has been arrested without any violence. Both Orange and State Police have not released details about why there was a hostage situation or who was involved.

News **11/22/10** **3pm** **: 30**

Holyoke police need your help in trying to identify the person who they say robbed a bank. Holyoke Police Chief Anthony Scott told 22News that the Bank of America at 40 Lincoln Street was robbed just after 11am. A white man had a stocky build and blemishes on his face; he was wearing a dark hooded sweatshirt, sunglasses, a light-colored baseball cap, and dark winter gloves. The suspect told the teller that he had a weapon and demanded money. The teller gave the man the money and the man ran out of the bank. If you have any information please call the Holyoke Police Department at 322-6900.

News **11/23/10** **11pm** **: 30**

Two break-ins in Belchertown and no suspects under arrest, have the town on high alert. The thieves broke in last Wednesday and Friday mornings. Belchertown Police Officer John Raymer told 22News Amherst break-ins that happened two weeks ago can be connected the suspect used the M & M trail to get away. Residents are trying to take the right precautions.

News **11/23/10** **6pm** **: 30**

Springfield Police are searching for a suspect in a bank robbery. Springfield police spokesman Sergeant John Delaney told 22News the robbery happened at the Citizens Bank at 950 Main Street just after 9:45 this morning. Delaney said the suspect is a white man in his 30's, approximately 5'7" tall. Delaney also said the man has "bulging eyes." He was wearing a red jacket, and a black hat with a Red Sox logo. He was also carrying what looked like a police scanner. Delaney said the suspect did not show a gun, and got away with cash.

News **11/24/10** **6am** **: 30**

Police in Lynnfield say a man shot and killed his pregnant girlfriend and her sister before killing himself. According to police Joseph Cummings shot his girlfriend Kimberly Nguyen and her sister Lily Nguyen following an argument late Monday night. Kimberly Nguyen was reportedly six months pregnant with Cummings' child. Authorities said the argument may have been over the naming of the child. Kimberly Nguyen's 12 year old daughter was able to flee to a neighbor's home and call 911.

News **11/24/10** **6pm** **: 30**

The owner of an Amherst pizza shop has release photos of a man who ordered 148 pizzas, worth nearly 4-thousand dollars. The pizzas were ordered at Antonio's Pizzeria in Amherst early Saturday morning. The man claimed he was with singer Bob Dylan's crew, Dylan played at the Mullins Center Friday night. The man ordered the pizzas but he never returned to pick up the order or pay for it. If you have any information please call the Antonio's Pizzeria in Amherst.

News **11/28/10** **6pm** **: 30**

A man needing cash in a hurry allegedly robbed a bank in Chicopee. Chicopee Detective Sgt. Molly Davis notified 22News that the man in the picture demanded money from the teller.

We don't know what he got away with, but this man believed to be about 25 to 30 years old and standing about 5'6 is still out there somewhere. If you can help detectives track him down please call the Chicopee detective bureau 594-1734.

News **11/29/10** **5pm** **: 30**

Two dead in Greenfield and authorities are calling it an apparent murder-suicide. Renee Steese with the Northwestern District Attorney's Office says the Greenfield couple was found dead around 9:30 last night from gunshot wounds. Steese says 46 year old Anthony Wallace was found with one gunshot wound and 50 year old Karen Preston was found with multiple wounds in the second floor of their home on 77 Devens Road. Steese says the couple had an argument earlier in the evening. Investigators took firearms from the residents. Police checked on the home after a 911 call. The medical examiner will schedule autopsies. Many of the neighbors living on the Street say they hadn't noticed anything unusual most didn't even hear the gunshots.

News **11/30/10** **4:30am** **: 30**

Police found a young black man, shot multiple times in Springfield. Captain Cheryl Clapprood told 22News they only went to the area because their shot spotter system went off. When they arrived, they found the victim lying in a grassy area. Police say the unidentified victim was shot in the legs, torso and head. He was taken to Bay State Medical Center and later died. Police do not have any suspects at this time. This is the 14th murder in the city this year.

News **11/30/10** **4:30am** **: 30**

21 year old Anthony Davis of Springfield is facing numerous charges after leading police on a chase that ended in a crash. Captain Cheryl Clapprood told 22news it started in West Springfield where police tried to stop him on motor vehicle violations. Davis kept driving into Springfield where he crashed the car into the front of this house on Pomona Street. He has been transferred back to West Springfield police and will face charges there.

News **12/01/10** **11pm** **: 30**

Springfield detectives are trying to track down a man who robbed a Chinese Restaurant in Pine Point. Springfield Police Sergeant Chris Hitas (HITE'-iss) told 22News a man robbed the Lucky Kitchen at 42 Berkshire Avenue just after 7:00 pm tonight. The suspect grabbed some money from the cashier and ran out of the restaurant. No one was hurt.

News **12/02/10** **5pm** **: 30**

The Chicopee version of a Police SWAT Team arrested a man accused of barricading himself in a Dwight Street home, and assaulting the man who lived there. Chicopee Police Lt. Michael Trznadel told 22News they arrested 30 year old Ryan O'Donnell and charged him with breaking and entering, 4 counts of resisting arrest; and assault and battery with a

dangerous weapon on a person over 60. Lt. Trznadel said O'Donnell was hurt in a fall prior to the arrival of police. The alleged assault victim was not seriously injured.

News **12/03/10** **5pm** **: 30**

Chicopee Police are searching for a man who robbed the Berkshire Bank on Memorial Drive this morning. Chicopee Police Deputy Chief William Jebb told 22News the robber handed the teller a note and after receiving money - ran out into the woods behind the bank. Deputy Chief Jebb told 22News they are now looking for a middle-aged black man with a grayish beard; around 6 feet tall with a medium build. Anyone with information is asked to call Chicopee Police.

News **12/05/10** **7am** **: 30**

A man from Lawrence is recovering this morning after being robbed and shot by a BB gun in Springfield. Sgt. Jeffrey Martucci told 22News the alleged victim went to the rear of the house to open the gate when someone came behind him shot him twice with a BB gun and took some money. This was around 9:45 Saturday night. Sgt. Martucci says the victim didn't see who attacked him. He was taken to Baystate Medical Center.

News **12/06/10** **6pm** **: 30**

There were more burglaries in Northampton this weekend. There were three house breaks this weekend around the Bridge Street area. All of them happened late Friday night while the residents were sleeping. Detective Tim Satkowski of the Northampton Police Department told 22News that, in all three cases, the robbers entered through unlocked doors or windows. They stole laptops and a purse. There were also several car break-ins early Sunday morning. Three teens were arrested in connection with the car break-ins. But, police are still trying to solve the house burglaries. Detective Satkowski said people need to lock their windows and doors and look out for their neighbors.

News **12/07/10** **11pm** **: 30**

Three men are under arrest after the robbery of a Springfield Insurance Company. According to a News Release from Massachusetts State Police, a man with a handgun robbed the Insurance Agency at 1691 Main Street in Springfield, and rode away on a yellow bicycle. A trooper on patrol found the bike in the city's north end, and then connected it to a car that may have picked up the suspect. State Troopers arrested three men and seized close to \$5,000 in cash. Julio Virulet of Chicopee, and Springfield brothers Eduardo and Heribito Villafane are all charged with armed robbery, and are being held by Springfield police.

News **12/07/10** **5pm** **: 30**

Every December, the Easthampton Congregational Church proudly displays its Christmas Nativity Scene in the center of town. But now, that display is missing its baby Jesus. It happened over the weekend. Apparently whoever stole the Baby Jesus ripped the entire

manger off of the wooden stage. Lewis Scott, a member of the church's House Committee, told 22News he fears that the manager will be damaged because the thieves must have used force to rip it from its place. He said the entire statue of the Baby Jesus in the manger costs about \$800 to replace. He said this is the second time it's been stolen. The last time was two years ago around this time. It reappeared on Christmas morning. They're hoping that's what will happen this year.

News **12/08/10** **11pm** **: 30**

We begin with breaking news tonight out of Springfield where police are investigating the city's 15th murder this year. Springfield Police Sgt. John Delaney told 22News, police were called to Van Horn Park just before 7:15 tonight. Officers found a victim lying in the middle of a baseball diamond, shot in the head, chest and back. Sgt. Delany said the victim is a 17 year old boy who lives near Van Horn Park. He said the victim is known to the police. There was a weapon found close to the victim's body but police do not believe it was the murder weapon. The identity of the victim will be released after family is notified. If you have any information about tonight's murder, contact the Detective Bureau at 787-6355.

News **12/09/10** **11pm** **: 30**

A University of Connecticut football player has been arrested on child pornography charges. 18-year-old Freshman Greg McKee surrendered to state police today one day after the school announced that he had been indefinitely suspended from the team but did not say why. The arrest warrant says McKee told police he was supposed to be paid for uploading videos of child pornography to a social network platform but was not paid. McKee is being held on \$75,000 bond.

News **12/09/10** **11pm** **: 30**

We begin with breaking news out of Springfield where police have three men in custody tonight charged with last night's murder of a city teenager. Springfield Police Sgt. John Delaney told 22News police arrested 21 year old Hector Lopez, his brother, 18 year old Lionel Lopez and 22 year old Jomar Enrique Maldonado tonight. All three have been charged with the murder of 17-year-old Jose Colon. Colon's body was in Van Horn Park last night. He'd been shot in the head, chest and back. Sgt. Delaney said officers will be patrolling the park on an hourly basis in an effort to combat gang violence in the city's hungry hill section.

News **12/09/10** **11pm** **: 30**

A Westfield man is facing criminal charges relating to last Summer's boating death of a 10 year old Ludlow boy. Northwestern District Attorney Elizabeth Scheibel told 22News a Hampshire County Grand Jury has indicted 37 year old Steven Morse on charges of manslaughter and homicide by vessel while under the influence of drugs or alcohol. 10 year old Augustus Adamopoulos was killed last August when a motor boat hit the kayak he was in

with his father on Norwich Lake in Huntington. Scheibel said Morse is scheduled for arraignment December 22nd in Hampshire County Superior Court.

News **12/11/10** **6pm** **: 30**

Someone's playing a con game in Holyoke that's been targeting senior citizens. And here's how it works. According to Holyoke police chief Anthony Scott a person calls a senior citizen and tells them a story about a family member being out of the country and urgently needs a money order or a wire transfer. Scott told 22News Holyoke cops have gotten three complaints during the past month, and here's how the caller tries to steal your money.

News **12/13/10** **11pm** **: 30**

A Stamford, Connecticut police officer has been released from the hospital after being shot in the face during a drug raid. Police Chief Robert Nivakoff says officer Richard Gasparino was shot through a door of a home while preparing to serve a search warrant last night. Officer Gasparino underwent surgery after the shooting and was released from the hospital this afternoon.

News **12/13/10** **12pm** **: 30**

Police in two communities are investigating bank robberies. The first one happened just after nine this morning. Sgt. John Delaney told 22news that a man threatened employees at the Bank of America on St. James Avenue with a gun. He fled the bank with an undetermined amount of money. Sgt. Delaney says police believe the same man also robbed a bank in South Hadley early this morning. Police are looking for a black man, possibly 30-50 years of age, very well dressed in a black trench coat, striped shirt, tie, and brown fedora type hat. If you have information, call police in Springfield or text-a-tip to 413-787-6355.

News **12/13/10** **6pm** **: 30**

An off-duty Springfield Police officer is charged with hit and run, and operating under the influence. Sergeant John Delaney told 22News, that Edward Hurley of Chicopee was arrested just after 9:30 last night. Delaney said Hurley drove off after a two car accident at Bay and Roosevelt Avenue. The driver of the other car followed Hurley and phoned police. Sergeant Delaney said Hurley said he didn't know he hit another car, and he appeared to be drunk. Hurley was off- duty driving his personal car.

News **12/14/10** **6pm** **: 30**

South Hadley police are investigating a robbery at the TD Bank at 460 Newton Street. Lieutenant Steve Parentela told 22News that the unarmed robbery happened just before 8:45 this morning. An African American man walked into the bank wearing a brown fedora, dark sunglasses and a black leather coat. He handed the tellers a note demanding money and then left the bank with an undetermined amount of cash. If you have any information, call the

South Hadley Police Department at (413) 538-8231. You can also leave an anonymous tip by calling (413) 538-8231 and then press number 6 on your phone.

News **12/14/10** **6pm** **: 30**

Springfield police think the same man robbed the Saint James Avenue Bank of America branch. Sergeant John Delaney told 22News the suspect said he had a gun and ran out with a handful of cash. Police say witnesses told them it looked like he had a spray painted or dyed white beard. If you have any information call the Springfield Police Detective Bureau at 787-6355.

News **12/14/10** **6pm** **: 30**

A series of early morning fires shook the neighborhood surrounding the Springfield Quadrangle, the largest fire damaging one of the city's oldest homes. A series of fires that began underground forced flames up through manholes early Monday morning, shaking up sleeping residents. Springfield Fire Department Spokesperson Dennis Leger told 22News there were five fires total in the area of the Springfield Quadrangle including three that hit the museum's property cutting power. The Blake House is used for security and maintenance staff offices, none of the other museum buildings were seriously damaged. But it could have been a lot worse. Western Massachusetts Electric Company Spokesperson Lacy Ryan said there was an electrical fault in their underground system. WMECO is still in the process of assisting the fire department in the search for the cause. Fire Captain Robert Duffy suffered burns to his face fighting the fire, but is expected to be okay. The Museums are always closed on Mondays, they will be open tomorrow.

News **12/15/10** **11pm** **: 30**

We begin with breaking news out of Springfield's South End where police are searching for suspects in what's been described as a serious shooting. Springfield Police Lt. Kevin Wood told 22News that a 34 year old man was seriously injured in a shooting and taken to Baystate Medical Center. No word on the victim's condition. The shooting happened about 8:30 tonight in an apartment at 265 Mill Street. Lt Wood told 22News that a police have seized a vehicle they believe was seen driving away from the shooting. No word on any suspects or arrests so far.

News **12/17/10** **5pm** **: 30**

Western Massachusetts Police might be searching for a serial bank robber. Chicopee Deputy Police Chief William Jebb told 22news they believe this man is responsible for several bank robberies in the area over the last couple of weeks. The well dressed black man with what may be a fake white beard hit the Memorial Drive Citizen's Bank just after 9 this morning. Lt. Mark Higgins told 22News a red dye pack exploded in the cash bag after the robber left the bank. If you see red-stained money, you should contact police.

News **12/19/10** **7am** **: 30**

We're following breaking news out of Indian Orchard. Lt. John Slepchuck told 22News a man was shot in the back at 266-268 Centre Street in Indian Orchard. The victim was taken to Baystate Medical Center. He is seriously injured. There is 30 year old man under arrest. We'll continue to follow this breaking news and have more details as soon as they're available.

News **12/19/10** **7am** **: 30**

Police have found a body in West Springfield behind the Riverdale Shops. West Springfield and Chicopee Police are both investigating what happened here behind the Riverdale shops. Last night police confirmed a girl's body was found back here at the edge of the Connecticut River in West Springfield. She was found near the homeless camps behind the Riverdale shopping plaza. Sgt. Paul Connor told 22News that the West Springfield police are waiting on an autopsy to find out what may have happened to her. Chief John Ferraro of the Chicopee Police Department told 22News the Chicopee detective's bureau is also involved in trying to identify the victim.

News **12/19/10** **6pm** **: 30**

Springfield Police early this morning arrested Marcus Colon of Indian Orchard for allegedly shooting his neighbor in the back and then beating him with a 2 by 4. Springfield Police Lt. Robert Moynihan told 22News; Colon reportedly spotted his Center street neighbor breaking into Colon's car about five thirty this morning. The shooting and beating have left his neighbor possibly paralyzed according to Lt Moynihan. Colon's been charged with assault and battery with a dangerous weapon. In addition; Colon's accused of not having a license to own the gun.

News **12/21/10** **5pm** **: 30**

He's become known as the well-dressed bandit and police think he may be to blame for robbing the New Alliance bank in Feeding Hills earlier today. Agawam Police Lt. Richard light told 22News that just before 9:30 a black man wearing a driving cap and sunglasses handed the teller a note, stole the money and made his getaway in a small silver SUV. Light believes it's the same man who robbed banks in Springfield, Chicopee and South Hadley. The alleged robber is described as being about 5'10", with a possibly fake white beard. No one was hurt in the robbery.

News **12/22/10** **6am** **: 30**

Two men have been arrested in Connecticut for breaking into rapper 50 Cent's home. Officers were called to the home after security guards spotted a suspicious vehicle in the driveway. Police say one suspect was found sitting in a closet drinking a bottle of wine stolen from the house. The other man was allegedly found with marijuana in another part of the home. Both are being held on a \$50,000 bond.

News

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The well-dressed bandit may have struck again. The Florence Savings Bank on King Street in Northampton was robbed this morning. Today the bank robbery in Northampton happened at around 9:18 this morning at the Florence Savings Bank on King Street. According to Northampton Police, that's when a black man handed a note to the teller demanding money. The teller turned over an unspecified amount of money and the suspect either walked or ran away from the bank. 22News was there as Northampton and State Police looked for clues to find their suspect. He's described as a black man either 5'6" or 5'7". Police believe he is anywhere between 30 and 40 years old with a grey beard. He was also wearing a grey fedora. There have been five other bank robberies in the last month. It all started in Chicopee on December 3rd when the Berkshire Bank on Memorial Drive was robbed. Then on December 13th, a suspect with a very similar description robbed the TD Bank in South Hadley. An hour later on the same day, a similar suspect robbed the Bank of America on St. James Avenue in Springfield. Last Friday, the Citizens Bank on Memorial Drive in Chicopee was hit. And yesterday morning, the New Alliance Bank in Feeding Hills was robbed, again all by a very similar suspect.

News

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We are following breaking news at this hour...a man arrested after a high speed chase could be the same person responsible for a string of recent bank robberies. According to West Springfield police Officer George Moriarty, the suspect was taken into custody after a chase from West Springfield into Springfield. The chase ended when the small silver SUV with Oregon license plates crashed on Boyleston Street in Springfield. Police believe the suspect could be the man responsible for at least six robberies in Western mass over the last two weeks. He was known for dressing up in a fedora or driving cap while wearing a tie and nice coat when robbing the banks. Banks have been robbed in Springfield, Chicopee, South Hadley, Agawam, and Northampton.

News

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Police in Brookfield are investigating what they've called an "incident" on Rt. 9 that happened in the wee hours of Christmas morning. According to Officer Craig Swanson, police had to block off both sides of Rt. 9 in Brookfield around 3:00 on Saturday morning. Officer Swanson said at least one person was injured. While they could not give out too much information, he did say that criminal charges could be involved.

News

12/27/10

11pm

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We are following breaking news out of Springfield where a man is recovering from four gunshot wounds. Springfield Police Lt. Kevin Wood told 22News, police were called to a shooting at 4 Niagra Street in the city's south end around 8:45 tonight. When police arrived, the victim was already gone. Witnesses told them someone had already driven the victim to the hospital. Lt. Wood said the man had been shot four times, twice in the calves, and twice

in the thighs but is expected to be ok. No arrests have been made. Police are still searching for suspects.

News **12/27/10** **6am** **: 30**

A police officer responding to an attempted robbery at a department store has been shot and killed. Police also say one of three suspects also has been shot and killed. The shooting happened last night in Woburn. Police say one suspect was shot and killed by officers after he tried to rob Kohl's Department Store with the two others. The officer's identity hasn't been disclosed.

News **12/28/10** **5pm** **: 30**

Another Western Massachusetts Bank has been robbed. The latest bank robbery occurred in the North End of Springfield, the Chestnut Street branch of TD Bank near Baystate Medical Center. Springfield Police officer Charles Youmans told 22News, the man handed the teller a note implying that he was armed. He got away but not before a dye pack exploded outside the bank. Officer Youmans gave 22News this description of the man they're looking for He's said to have light skin, he's either white or Hispanic. He's in his 30s, 5, 11, about 200 pounds and was wearing a black knit cap and black sweater over a yellow sweater. If you can help Police catch this man please call Springfield Detectives at 787-6355.

News **12/31/10** **4:30am** **: 30**

Two brothers from Springfield pleaded guilty to robbing a Longmeadow Bank. According to the Springfield Republican, 24 year old William Murphy and 23 year old Thomas Murphy admitted to stealing more than 300-thousand dollars from the TD Bank on Williams Street in March. Police say the brothers were carrying bats and wearing T-shirts over their face during the robbery. William Murphy was sentenced to a 5 to 7 year prison term. Thomas Murphy received a 3 to 5 year sentence.

News **12/31/10** **12pm** **: 30**

We are following breaking news this afternoon. Police are investigating two bank robberies that happened this morning. Officer Charlie Youmans of the Springfield police department told 22news, a man was arrested during the traffic stop which caused major backups on 91 through downtown Springfield. Officer Youmans said it's possible the suspect is connected to two bank robberies in two towns this morning. We have very few details, but we know a bank was robbed in Ludlow this morning. And, for the second time this week, the TD Bank on Chestnut Street in Springfield was robbed just before 9:30 this morning. According to police, the suspect didn't get any money from the robbery at the TD bank, but ran into the trunk of a waiting blue car with New York license plates. The suspect in both robberies is described as a black man in his 30's. He's about six feet tall.

The following is WWLP programming addressing Education during the 4th quarter of 2010. These issues were addressed through our locally produced news programming.

News 10/07/10 11pm : 30

The Monson School Department wants eighth graders to attend classes at Monson High School. Nearly 60 parents attended a public forum at Granite Valley Middle School to hear the particulars of the plan. Parents listened to the administrators' proposal, and also had the chance to ask questions.

News 10/07/10 5:30pm : 30

Central High School now has twice as many students enrolled in Advanced Placement courses. Central High School received a grant from the Mass Math and Science Initiative back in 2008, since then AP classes have become a driving force for students. The school now has 348 AP classes. And there is now double the number of students passing the AP exam that makes them eligible for college credit.

News 10/12/10 6pm : 30

Students at Springfield's Dryden Memorial elementary school have earned the title of "MCAS Champions." One by one these children were honored for their accompaniments of making their school number one in Springfield in reading, and pushing their MCAS standings in math higher than they've ever been. These students told 22News they're proud of their accomplishments.

News 10/13/10 5pm : 30

The Springfield School Committee and the union representing the city's public school teachers have ratified a new two-year contract. The deal gives teachers a one percent pay raise retroactive to July 1 and another 2% raise on July 1, 2011. City officials say the contract also will also allow the state's third-largest school district to offer higher starting salaries, which will help it better compete for teaching talent with surrounding communities.

News 10/14/10 5pm : 30

Helping children with hearing loss connect with the rest of the community. "Connecting the Dots Academically and Socially", that was the theme for this year's conference. This two day event helps hearing impaired children, their families and schools. Clarke Schools gives them support and helps families and schools work together, so the child can grow. Because of early detection and advances in hearing technology, more deaf and hard of hearing students can be integrated into regular classrooms. Students also receive personalized support,

which helps them succeed. The Clarke School's president who is also a parent of two hearing impaired students says the program has worked for his children.

News **10/21/10** **5:30pm** **: 30**

Reach out and Read, as Holyoke is recognized for doing its part when it comes to educating children. Reach out and Read is a nationwide, non-profit school readiness program that provides free books to children when they go to their regular doctor checkups. The group named Holyoke a "Bookend City. To become a Reach out and Read Bookend City, 100%of pediatric practices in the community must participate in the program.

News **10/28/10** **6pm** **: 30**

Teachers working at underperforming schools in Springfield are being offered monetary incentives as part of contract changes. 4th grade teacher, Margaret Tabb has been teaching at the White Street School in Springfield for eight years and believes new incentives for teachers at underperforming schools will make things better. A new contract agreement is in place for teachers who have agreed to work at the city's ten underperforming schools including the White Street School in Springfield. Teachers who have agreed to the new contract changes will also have to work an extra 10 days in the summer, design intervention plans for students who need it, and communicate on a regular basis with parents about how students are doing.

News **10/29/10** **11pm** **: 30**

Higher Education expenses are on the rise across the country. Two reports released Thursday show that the price gap between public and private colleges is closing with public colleges on the rise. According to the College Board, the average in-state tuition and fees at public, four-year colleges rose almost 8% since last year. State budgets are being cut, forcing schools to charge students more money. While these rising fees may not be surprising to students and their families, they may be surprised to hear this. Because of this increase, more financial aid is available to them. Two-thirds of undergrads are getting federal grants.

News **11/10/10** **11pm** **: 30**

Yale University and the city of New Haven are teaming up to help foot the bill for college to high school students who qualify. It's called New Haven Promise. Yale will pay certain students' full tuition to any Connecticut public college or university. It also will give up to \$2,500 yearly toward tuition at any private university in Connecticut, including Yale. Students would need at least a 3.0 grade-point average, a 90 percent attendance rate, a good behavior record and 40 hours of community service.

News **11/13/10** **6pm** **: 30**

Many Western Massachusetts families of limited means would send their children to college if only they could afford to. A group of high school students visited the Amherst campus of the University of Massachusetts this weekend. The kids are from the Boston area city of Chelsea and they're part of a program FUEL, Families United in Educational Leadership. FUEL awards scholarships and helps parents fill out college applications. The group hopes to soon expand to Western Massachusetts. When and if these young people get scholarships to UMass Amherst, they would be the first in their families to attend college. Just as many Western Massachusetts high school students whose parents can't quite afford to send them to college. These parents from Chelsea spoke glowingly of the program they hope will FUEL their children's desire for a good education. These parents and their sons and daughters admitted this was the first time in their lives they had ever set foot on a college campus.

News **11/30/10** **4:30am** **: 30**

Big Concerns over the dropout risk for eighth graders across the state. New State Education Department data show more than one third of eighth graders in city school districts are likely to drop out of high school. That puts 7,700 students at risk across the state.

News **12/09/10** **6pm** **: 30**

After more than a century in Springfield, the MacDuffie School is moving out of the city. The school was sold to International EC LLS, a group that owns the former St. Hyacinth seminary here on School street in Granby. The 6 through 12th grade preparatory and boarding school will keep its name but switch from a non profit to a for profit organization. The Chairman of the school's board of trustees told 22News the move will allow growth.

News **12/14/10** **5:30pm** **: 30**

Western New England College has added a new school to help meet the needs of students pursuing the jobs of the future. Western New England College is adding the new school of Pharmacy to their college, and it will be housed in this brand new facility. Western New England College held a ribbon cutting for the facility today. The \$40 million dollar Center for the Sciences and Pharmacy will also house the programs in biology chemistry, physics, and psychology. The project came together right in the middle of the recession, but Board of Trustees members decided to push ahead anyway.

News **12/17/10** **11pm** **: 30**

The future of Dean Technical High school in Holyoke is in jeopardy. An open school committee meeting was held at Dean Tech tonight to discuss concerns with parents and students. The superintendent told 22news the state rates the school's performance is low based on test scores. Parents, students, teachers and alum packed the meeting, waving signs of support for their school.

News **12/21/10** **6pm** **: 30**

The largest teachers union in Massachusetts wants to tie careers to test scores. The Massachusetts Teachers Association is endorsing the controversial concept of linking student test scores to teacher pay and promotions. Many teachers oppose the practice because they say standardized tests aren't an accurate measure of student performance. Others we spoke with say it's important to somehow weed out the good teachers from the bad.

The following is WWLP programming addressing Environment during the 4th quarter of 2010. These issues were addressed through our locally produced news programming.

News 10/01/10 12pm : 30

Torrential downpours from a faded tropical storm march into the Northeast knocking out power and dousing some East Coast cities with more rain in hours than they normally get in months. And we are getting soaked right here in Western Massachusetts.

News 10/04/10 11pm : 30

A tropical weather system finally ran out of steam after dumping torrential rains and unleashing high winds that knocked out power to thousands of people across Massachusetts. 22News storm team meteorologist Brian Lapis says the Army Corps of Engineers measured nearly six inches of rain at the Knightville Dam in Huntington. Up to 1.5 inches of rain fell in the Eastern part of the state. Western Massachusetts Electric Company reported 3,000 customers lost power overnight, but crews have restored service to all but just a handful.

News 10/04/10 5:30pm : 30

The U.S. Coast Guard says the fact that more than 100 people escaped the Gulf of Mexico rig explosion alive is a sign that the evacuation went fairly well. Capt. James Hanzalik says there was nothing more his agency could have done to prevent the Deepwater Horizon rig from sinking. Government investigators are working to pinpoint the cause of the blast and massive oil spill that followed. Eleven of the 126 people on the rig were killed in the explosion.

News 10/04/10 5:30pm : 30

Some Franklin County farmers are cheering how the weather has helped one classic fall crop. A sunny year makes a big difference, but the dry ground kept more of the pumpkins dry. A wet muddy year spreads disease and can wipe out a crop. That's what happened the last few years. Last years crop was terrible, and pumpkins were in short supply. Farmers say while a good year doesn't exactly make up for a bad one, it does help keep the farm moving.

News 10/05/10 11pm : 30

Western Massachusetts Fall Foliage season is suffering from ACD, autumn color deficit! Too much green, not enough yellow and forget about the reds! It's just starting to get colder out, and many of the leaves continue to be very green. And tourists don't seem to be flocking to the area despite the upcoming Columbus Day weekend. The pioneer valley has some of the

best destinations for fall foliage including here in Forest Park which is a popular destination among tourists. Peak foliage in the area is expected to be the week after Columbus Day.

News **10/05/10** **5:30pm** **: 30**

Seven Pioneer Valley communities are getting grants to fund green projects. Here in Hampshire County, Northampton, Easthampton, and Belchertown are all receiving funds from this green community's initiative. Today, at a news conference, Ian Bowles, the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs announced the recipients of this grant. Here in Northampton, they will be getting nearly \$200,000 dollars for a solar power project on the Smith Vocational and Agricultural High School. They'll also be using the money for green education in the school's home building program. Easthampton will be receiving, nearly \$175,000 for high efficiency LED street lights. Their city planner told us how this grant will kept giving back to their city.

News **10/05/10** **5:30pm** **: 30**

Hampshire County can soon expect some more environmentally- friendly public transportation options. The PVTA received \$6.2 million dollars for new hybrid buses. The diesel-electric buses will cut fuel costs by about half. The hybrids will replace ten old buses on Amherst, Northampton, Hadley and South Hadley that are no longer operational. PVTA administrators say they have relied on stimulus funding to replace their aging fleet.

News **10/06/10** **6pm** **: 30**

An air pollution problem, as one group looks at ways to cut down on diesel emissions. Today, a representative from the Clean Air Task Force was in Springfield to talk about why it's important for Congress to pass a Diesel Emissions Reduction Act in the federal transportation bill. Brooke Suter said diesel emissions are seven more times are hazardous than all other air toxics tracked by the EPA combined.

News **10/10/10** **7am** **: 30**

It's Columbus Day weekend and for many that means taking off to enjoy the autumn weather and the leaves in Franklin County. Not all the colors are at their peak yet, but that didn't stop people from hitting the road to do some leaf peeping Saturday.

News **10/10/10** **6pm** **: 30**

Religion and love of the environment were the dominant forces today at the First Congregational church in Amherst. Members of the congregation cut short their Sunday service to work on a number of projects they consider vital to what they call their environmental action. Not only did they work on the grounds, but there was plenty going on inside their church.

News**10/12/10****5:30pm****: 30**

You've heard of hybrid and solar technology, but a new form of renewable energy is being developed right here in western Massachusetts. Have you ever thought to use bacteria to help bring power to your car for example? Professors and scientists at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst are working on just that. They've invented a way to turn sunlight into transportation fuel using bacteria. This is done by feeding microorganisms electricity; they use that energy to reduce carbon dioxide into transportation fuels. Professor in Micro Biology, Derek Lovley and his colleagues are presenting their findings at the North American Bio Electric Systems Meeting being held today and tomorrow at UMass. The technology, created earlier this year, could have impacts on the economy and the environment.

News**10/12/10****6pm****: 30**

As the leaves continue to fall, our attention turns to cleanup. Storm Team Meteorologist Nick Bannin is working for you to help you dispose of your leaves appropriately. Your lawn remains grassy and clean when the leaves stay in the trees. When the leaves fall your lawn can get a little messy. This time of year is a mixed blessing. The leaves are great to look at when they are still in the trees. The leaves jamming our gutters and covering our grassy lawns need to be disposed of. Each city has its own schedule for yard and waste cleanup. Most areas require you to put the leaves in a brown bag or in a trash bin and leave it curbside. They are then picked up and taken to a compost dump. That compost becomes a reusable product that can be used to make your garden grow. Yard waste in the city of Springfield happens on your recycle day, in West Springfield this happens 4 times between now and December 4th. And in Agawam this collection happens every three weeks this time of year. For the next time your yard waste and leaves will be picked up where you live, contact your local department of public works.

News**10/13/10****5:30pm****: 30**

It was a chilly and frosty start to your day here in Western Massachusetts this morning. If you were up early enough this morning you woke up to this, frost on the grass, cars and flowers. Frost is not uncommon this time of year in western mass, but the frost this morning could have slowed some of you down as you were getting ready for work. For many, the chill was unpleasant.

News**10/15/10****5pm****: 30**

Although it wasn't a major storm, a fall Nor'easter brought rain and wind to Western Massachusetts. Rain moved in Thursday night but by Friday morning the rain had let up across western Massachusetts. Most places picked up between one and a half and two inches of rain. We had the rain but now western Massachusetts will have to deal with some strong gusty winds. A Wind Advisory remains in effect for all of western Massachusetts until 2 a.m. Saturday morning. Winds will be around 15 to 25 mph with gusts up around 40 to 50 mph possible. The gusty winds will likely have an impact on our fall foliage season with the quite a few of the leaves being blown off the trees. Parts on Northern New England could

actually see some snow tonight, elevations above 1500 could pick up a few inches of snow. So even though here in western Massachusetts we saw rain from this Nor'easter it won't be too long before we see scenes more like this. Right now the winds are still pretty gusty and we've seen a little bit of rain this evening.

News **10/16/10** **6pm** **: 30**

Western Massachusetts volunteers did their part today to clean up the Connecticut River. Bagging up trash along the Connecticut River shore on foot, and digging through the waterway by Kayak. Four local companies and organizations participated in the 4th annual Connecticut River clean-up - targeting the Medina Boat Ramp area in Chicopee, determined to grab as much junk as they could. Golf balls, a toy, bottles, a tire, a mattress. This is only some of the trash these volunteer groups found today. Volunteers say the best way to battle this problem is simple. Don't litter and don't make any exceptions. It all adds up so just do your best to recycle and every little bit counts, because it's mounting up. You couldn't imagine some of the items these volunteers pulled out of the river on Saturday, but that's reality. Volunteers say it's important to set an example.

News **10/19/10** **5pm** **: 30**

The recent dry summer months have prompted a Drought Advisory to be issued for the Pioneer Valley. A drought advisory is issued when we have a period of dry weather and, until recently, we sure have. In a 6 month period ending in September, Western Massachusetts was suffering a 5 inch rainfall deficit. This means brown lawns and thirsty plants for many of you with green thumbs.

News **10/20/10** **5pm** **: 30**

Local businesses had an opportunity to learn about how environmentally friendly upgrades can help them prosper in the long run. The third annual Clean Energy Connections Conference was held at the Mass Mutual Center this morning. Business leaders in the green industry talked with entrepreneurs about how to grow your business while helping the environment. They say interest in the industry is slowly growing.

News **10/26/10** **5pm** **: 30**

A new source of energy is coming to Western Mass. A brand new solar facility in Pittsfield has just completed construction and will provide green energy to Western Massachusetts. This eight acre solar facility will generate 1.8 megawatts of solar energy which is enough to power 300 homes. It's the first large scale solar power facility in Western Massachusetts and the largest solar power source in all of New England. It was built in Pittsfield using local labor and construction and will bring tax revenue of \$150,000 to the city of Pittsfield every year. Residents we spoke with are encouraged by the implementation of solar power right here in western mass.

News **11/02/10** **4:30am** **: 30**

BP has rejected about 20-thousand compensation claims because they lack proof or have improper documentation. There were only 125 denials at the end of September. BP has sent about 30 potentially fraudulent claims to the Justice Department for investigation and hundreds are under review.

News **11/08/10** **5:30pm** **: 30**

Biomass opponent's plants are turning to the courts to block the project from getting off the ground in Greenfield. Today Concerned Citizens of Franklin County, asked a judge for a summary judgment on a suit against the plant. The opposing party says that the Zoning Board of Appeals permit requires the plant to use wastewater to cool itself. However the plant's developer has opted for a dry cooling system. The permit says that quote "The primary source of water to the power plant shall be wastewater pumped from the Greenfield Wastewater Treatment plant." The judge will decide whether that requires the plant to use water to cool the project, or if that provision only comes into play with wet cooling, and is no longer relevant with a dry cooling system. They say the legal side of the issue is only part of the reason why they're going to court.

News **11/09/10** **5pm** **: 30**

The high cost of energy has many western Mass residents concerned. Western Massachusetts Electric Company has just launched a new test program to bring even more savings when you conserve energy. Under the program, select customers receive an energy report detailing their energy use and providing tips for energy reduction in the home. Even if you aren't selected for the energy report you can still enjoy extra savings. The first 5,000 WMECo Customers who join westernmasssaves.com can participate in a new rewards program. The program rewards customers with points for kilowatts of electricity saved. Those points can be used for discounts on pet food, groceries, gift cards, clothing and restaurants. One person we spoke with is excited about the savings he'll receive, especially in the summer when it's hot outside.

News **11/08/10** **5:30pm** **: 30**

State government wants to keep Massachusetts beautiful. The state has given 19 different communities a total of \$6.3 million dollars to buy up land for preservation. In Western Massachusetts, Ware, Amherst, Northampton and Belchertown have all be selected to receive these grants. This forest in Belchertown is called the Holland Glen Forest. Belchertown received \$500,000 to buy 290 acres of it. This forest land contains waterfalls, scenic views, and hiking trails. Many of these properties across the state harbor drink water aquifers, wetlands, or a habitat for wildlife. They are also areas that people can use for recreation. People here in Northampton told us they think this is an investment that gives back.

News **11/14/10** **7am** **: 30**

New England's largest solar project is ready to start selling electricity. The Western Massachusetts Electric Company site in Pittsfield, promises to produce enough power for about 300 homes starting later this month. That's a tiny fraction of what the region needs to run computers, lights, and TVs. But the nearly \$9.5 million dollar solar plant and a larger project planned for Springfield next year are expected to bring jobs to the solar industry and eventually make the cost of solar power competitive with fossil fuels.

News **11/15/10** **5:30pm** **: 30**

'Tis almost the season many of you will go out and buy a Christmas tree. The two types of trees might look similar from a distance, but environmentally they are very different. As you start looking for a Christmas tree, there are a few different options to get your home in the festive season. If you don't get a real Christmas tree, artificial or plastic trees are another option. However, artificial trees are much worse for the environment than naturally grown Christmas trees. Trees grown for the purpose of being Christmas trees are carbon neutral, a renewable resource, create living habitats for animals, and if you get a live tree you can replant it after the holiday season. Even though buying a natural Christmas tree might be more effort, some of you look forward to it every year.

News **11/15/10** **6pm** **: 30**

If you ever have used those reusable bags you buy from the grocery store, listen up. Many of us buy reusable bags to limit the use of the thin plastic bags when we go to the grocery store. However tests done by the Tampa Tribune Newspaper found more lead in many of these bags than is allowed in paint. U.S. Senator Charles Schumer of New York is looking for a federal investigation into these reports. The concern is not that the lead would wear off on food, but that as the bags wear away in time, the lead could accumulate in landfills creating environmental issues. We spoke with one grocery shopper who believes more information on these bags would help the consumer make safer decisions when considering to buy them or not.

News **11/18/10** **5pm** **: 30**

Today is America Recycles Day, the Springfield MRF or Materials Recycling Facility, hosted an America Recycles Celebration at the Delaney House Thursday to honor those who have made contributions toward increasing recycling in their community. They were presented with The Outstanding Recycler Award.

News **11/22/10** **4:30am** **: 30**

Massachusetts could soon be home to the nation's first offshore wind farm. And state officials hope the Cape Wind project will cause a wind-power energy boom. Companies are already staking out their claim to the state's wind energy landscape. And when the nation's largest wind blade testing facility opens early next year on Boston's waterfront, officials hope to draw even more business. But critics say these green energy projects will bring higher energy costs.

News **11/30/10** **6pm** **: 30**

If you're planning to buy some new electronics this holiday season, you might be wondering how to get rid of the old ones. Getting a new TV or computer is nice, but if you don't know how to properly dispose of the items you're replacing, it can be bad for the environment. The department of public works in West Springfield accepts broken or used electronics as long as it has a plug. Once you drop off your old electronics, they then get sent to an electronic recycler who makes sure the hazardous materials in the appliance are disposed of appropriately with the remaining materials recycled for future use. Some typical items that can get recycled include TV's, radios, speakers, old turn tables, computers and those CRT boxy old computer monitors. There's a good reason why many of these electronics shouldn't be disposed of with your normal garbage.

News **12/14/10** **11pm** **: 30**

There will be a lot of unhappy neighbors in East Springfield. The City Council tonight found out they'll have very little impact on plans to build a biomass wood-burning power plant in East Springfield. The city council had planned to hold a special permit hearing tonight, but the city solicitor and the lawyer for Palmer Renewable Energy both agree that no city permit is required. This information surprised and upset City Councilors.

News **12/16/10** **5pm** **: 30**

The Longmeadow Department of Public Works says their water is safe but they had to inform residents of some abnormal test readings. This notice was sent out saying coli form bacteria was found in routine samples of town's water just before Thanksgiving. With the help of the Springfield Water Commission, Longmeadow boosted chlorine levels. Officials say the water was never unsafe; they just had to take precautions.

News **12/17/10** **5pm** **: 30**

Well, despite the fact that there is no snow on the ground you still might be dreaming of a white Christmas. Well no question about it, it sure has been feeling like winter this week. But other than the cold weather we have seen plenty of sunshine. It's December 17th and there's still no snow on the ground but most Western Massachusetts residents we talked to are hoping for a white Christmas. Christmas Eve I would take 6 inches anything like that anything to have it nice and crisp and white. According to NOAA, The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration we have about a 60 to 70 percent chance of seeing a white Christmas here in Western Massachusetts. Back in 2002 a powerful Christmas Day snowstorm dumped 10 inches of snow on western Massachusetts by the time it finally ended on December 26th.

News **12/21/10** **5:30pm** **: 30**

Most people generate about 25 percent more trash during the holidays. The first thing you want to think about recycling is anything made out of paper or cardboard. That includes gift boxes, shipping boxes, paper shopping bags, catalogs, greeting cards, and wrapping paper. But, if your greeting cards or wrapping paper has foil, glitter, or metallic inks on them they can't be recycled. Styrofoam packing peanuts can't be recycled either but you can bring them to shipping stores where they can be reused. One thing that can definitely be recycled is your Christmas tree. Northampton's Waste Management Supervisor told 22News they'll accept any real tree at their recycling center.

News **12/22/10** **12pm** **: 30**

More than a foot of snow has fallen around Boston, after the area was only expected to get a couple of inches. Cape Cod got hit the hardest. The town of Dennis is buried beneath a total of 13 inches of snow. Some schools were canceled, others delayed. Roadways stayed slick despite snow plows being out in full force. Holiday shoppers say the weather has slowed them down.

News **12/26/10** **6pm** **: 30**

Governor Deval Patrick had declared a state of emergency for Massachusetts in advance of the severe storm expected to batter Massachusetts during the night and early tomorrow. The storm has just started moving into Greater Springfield, where 22News reporter Sy Becker found people ready to cope with the winter conditions. It had been flurrying most of the day here in the Pioneer Valley. The flurries began this morning, and as you can see the snow only began sticking to the ground towards late in the afternoon. The snow storm scenario here in Western Massachusetts has been unfolding along the lines of the pattern outlined earlier by the 22News storm team meteorologists. Driving conditions continued to deteriorate as the afternoon wore on. We're looking at the snow covered conditions in the forest park section of Springfield. 22News has been notified that the speed limit on the Massachusetts turnpike has been lowered to 40 miles an hour. The snow is falling more heavily now as the first Western Massachusetts storm of the season moves in. It's full fury to be felt hours from now.

News **12/27/10** **6pm** **: 30**

Hampshire County also got hit hard by this storm. By this afternoon, most of the main roads in Northampton were fairly clean. But, throughout Hampshire County, the wind was blowing snow all over and that was making the clean up process especially brutal. That wind was the most brutal part of this storm. It scattered snow across Hampshire County. Up route nine, the storm got worse. In Cummington, roads hardly looked plowed. Even residents had trouble estimating just how much snow they actually got. And if you don't mind the cold, it does look like a true Winter Wonderland. And tonight is expected to be very cold in Hampshire County. The wind will be strong all night long and the wind chill will dip below zero.

News **12/31/10** **5:30pm** **: 30**

Environmental officials say you'll ring in the New Year breathing sub-standard air here in the Connecticut River valley. Federal Environmental authorities say that the atmosphere is trapping pollution near the ground from cars, trucks, and even burning wood. The poor air quality is supposed to last through tomorrow. Most people won't feel or know there is a difference in the air quality except that the air is a little warmer thanks to stagnant conditions.

The following is WWLP programming addressing Health-Smoking during the 4th quarter 2010. These issues were addressed through our locally produced news programming.

News **10/01/10** **11pm** **: 30**

Dozens of students learned about preventing a deadly disease at a "Skin Fair" tonight at Western New England College in Springfield. Local Skin Cancer Awareness advocate Meghan Rothschild coordinated the Skin Fair with WNEC's Health Services Department. They offered sunless tanning alternatives, and told the students how to protect their skin from Melanoma.

News **10/04/10** **5pm** **: 30**

Many seniors on Medicare could face double-digit premium hikes on their prescription plan if they don't plan ahead. The Associated Press reports that premiums will go up an average of 10 percent among the top plans that have signed up some 70% of seniors.

News **10/07/10** **11pm** **: 30**

It seems like a lot of people just aren't that concerned about the flu so far this season. They stayed away from a free flu clinic tonight in droves. The Springfield Health and Human Services Department held the season's first free clinic tonight. People were in and out in a matter of minutes. Very different from what went on last year.

News **10/13/10** **5pm** **: 30**

As doctors are looking into a possible case of Tuberculosis at the Center School in Longmeadow they're also offering up some advice if tests turn up positive. Tuberculosis is most commonly seen as a bacterial disease in the lungs, but it can also present itself as a bone disease or even meningitis. Doctors say this is something that has been around forever, but isn't common in the United States anymore. If the case in Longmeadow is confirmed, it will be a matter of finding out how that person got it maybe they traveled out of the country recently. Doctors add, the good news, is while it is contagious, you have to spend a long time with a person in order to get it.

News **10/15/10** **5pm** **: 30**

Cuts to dental benefits for those on MassHealth have a lot of people feeling angry. Oral health advocates, providers and some concerned citizens got together today to talk about ways to raise awareness of the seriousness to making dental cuts. The cuts were made this year in an effort to balance the state budget. Advocates say oral health is a part of your overall health and shouldn't be overlooked.

News **10/15/10** **5pm** **: 30**

It's national mammography day a reminder for women this breast cancer awareness month. Noble Hospital in Westfield has been decked out in pink since the beginning of the month. Doctors say the campaign has made many women stop and think about the risk and what they should do to take charge of their health.

News **10/17/10** **6pm** **: 30**

For the first time in years the Western Massachusetts flu season has begun without controversy. According to a report from the National Foundation for Disease Control, there's a plentiful supply of flu vaccine, the protection that will also protect a person from Swine Flu. 22News has found that Pioneer Valley parents seem to be more comfortable with the flu shot this year. One parent said she was cautious of it last year.

News **10/24/10** **9am** **: 30**

We're getting into flu season and if you haven't gotten your shot yet, today may be the day to do it. The Springfield Department of Health and Human Services will hold its second free clinic at Holy Name Social Center on 53 Alderman Street from 10 am to 1 pm today. The Center for Disease Control recommends all residents to get the seasonal flu vaccine except children 6 months and younger.

News **10/26/10** **5pm** **: 30**

Pink was the color of the day at Holyoke Medical Center. The hospital sponsored a Breast Health Fair as part of their Breast Cancer Awareness Month programs. Attendees included those who were looking for preventative information and current and past patients. One survivor says it's important to share information to help others.

News **10/27/10** **6pm** **: 30**

The United Way is helping to make prescriptions more affordable. "FAMILY WIZE," a national non-profit organization, offers prescription discounts. United Way is partnering with "FAMILY WIZE" to bring the program to the Pioneer Valley. There is no enrollment, no application process and it's free. Even if you have insurance, you could save up to twenty percent.

News **11/04/10** **5pm** **: 30**

Longmeadow residents attending a flu clinic at the Greenwood Center only spent minutes getting their shots. Last year, people filled the auditorium and some places even ran out of vaccine. Health professionals say there is still demand, but there are more options for getting a shot.

News

11/08/10

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Smoking could prevent you from getting a job. The Massachusetts Hospital Association just announced that they will not hire anyone who smokes starting next year. They say it's better for their work environment and it saves them money. More and more companies are refusing to hire people who smoke. The Massachusetts Hospital Association just announced they won't hire smokers starting in January of next year. Here in Northampton, Cooley Dickinson Hospital has a policy that people they hire can't use tobacco. Experts say an employee who smokes can cost a company more than \$10,000 a year because of lost productivity and health costs. Still, some people we talked to say it's unfair. But, according to a group called Action on Smoking and Health companies can choose to not hire smokers. Here in Massachusetts, there's no law that prevents it. And Action on Smoking and Health has found that smokers don't just cost companies money, they cost tax payers money too. They estimate that smoking costs Americans \$200 billion a year, most of which is paid for through higher taxes.

News

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The saying goes, "Quitters never win" but in this case they do. 18 local individuals are being honored for quitting smoking. Their photos and stories of quitting are on display as part of an exhibit called "Ex-smokers' Hall of Fame" at the old court house gallery in Northampton. One quitter told 22News, she used the birth of her first grandchild as inspiration to kick the habit.

News

11/18/10

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Today is still celebrated as the Great American Smoke out. The American Cancer society has been using today for the last 35 days to encourage people to stop. They say 30% of cancer deaths can be attributed to smoking. Many celebrate today remembering when they stopped. Those who stopped say it wasn't easy but they're glad they did while others aren't ready to put down their cigarettes yet.

News

11/18/10

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Removing 'young children cough and cold medicines' from store shelves has led to a big decline in emergency room visits for bad reactions to the drugs. A study released today found that some parents are still giving their infants and toddlers these medicines, and many ER cases still involved youngsters who apparently get a hold of the medications themselves.

News

11/26/10

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A new study say more than 600,000 people across the globe are killed by second hand smoke, every year. Researchers found that 40 percent of children and more than 30 percent of non-smoking men and women regularly breathe in secondhand smoke. Scientists estimate that passive smoking causes about 1 percent of the world's deaths annually. But the man, who led the study, says millions of people are impacted by the unhealthy habit.

News **12/01/10** **5:30pm** **: 30**

22News reporter Jackie Bruno is live at our Hampshire County Bureau to explain how Tapestry Health is trying to help control this disease here in the Pioneer Valley. They are offering free HIV testing at locations through Western Massachusetts this week. A representative from Tapestry Health told 22News that about one out of three Massachusetts residents who are HIV positive do not know it. They said knowing your status is the best way to reduce the number of new infections. And getting tested is really easy. It just takes 20 minutes. All you have to do is swipe the inside of your mouth or get a small pin prick on your finger. Today they were at UMass Amherst, testing college students.

News **12/03/10** **5pm** **: 30**

Recent cuts to Mass Health adult dental benefits could leave many with severe health issues. Consumer advocates met in Springfield to discuss the negative impact the cuts have made. More people are using costly emergency services to seek relief of pain caused by lack of care. Fewer dentists are accepting Mass Health clients because of low reimbursement.

News **12/06/10** **5pm** **: 30**

All Medicare beneficiaries have the opportunity to update their medical coverage. Open Enrollment for 2011 Medicare prescription drug and health plans runs until December 31st. Medicare recipients received a plan information packet in October. Current or newly eligible members should review their current coverage and make changes to fit their medical and economic needs.

News **12/07/10** **5pm** **: 30**

People in Longmeadow are pleased with the flu shot services they've received. The town has offered six flu clinics since November 4th. Last year many waited in line only to find the vaccine had run out. This year, the seasonal flu and swine flu vaccines are in one shot.

News **12/08/10** **5pm** **: 30**

Massachusetts passed an annual check up by the united health foundation with flying colors. The Bay State is in second place on the list of the nation's healthiest states. Factors considered in the rankings included access to health care, obesity, smoking, drinking, health disparities and deaths from cardiovascular disease and cancer. Many who spoke to 22News weren't surprised.

News **12/09/10** **5pm** **: 30**

Smokers beware a new report may have you thinking twice before your next light. The surgeon general's 30th annual report on smoking and health says tobacco smoke starts poisoning immediately and just one puff can be the one that causes your heart attack. The report claims that more than 7,000 chemicals in each puff spread throughout the body and

causes damage to nearly every organ. It warns, even social smoking or second-hand smoking can block arteries, triggering a heart attack. Still some smokers say, it's not a habit they're ready to give up.

News **12/12/10** **9am** **: 30**

Massachusetts passed the nation's most ambitious health care law just four years ago but now some cuts have to be made. Governor Patrick and lawmakers are working to rein in spiraling insurance costs. Those costs are threatening to undermine the 2006 health care law. Supporters say the next big goal is to find a way to slow surging premiums while maintaining services. One option, supporters say, is to move away from a system that pays doctors and hospitals for each test and procedure and instead reward them for maintaining the overall health of their patients.

News **12/14/10** **5pm** **: 30**

Apparently high school students are trading their alcohol and cigarettes for pot. A survey by the National Institute on Drug Abuse showed that some six point one percent of high school seniors reported using marijuana this year up from five point two last year. On the other hand binge drinking and cigarette smoking are on the decline.

News **12/15/10** **5pm** **: 30**

Massachusetts has banned the use of BPA in baby bottles and Sippy cups. BPA is a potentially dangerous chemical found in many plastic products. The Public Health Council approved the new regulations on today. They bar the production or sale of reusable food and beverage containers for toddlers and infants that contain bisphenol (BIS'-phen-ol) A or BPA. But the Alliance for a Healthy Tomorrow says the limited ban does not go far enough. They said it leaves infants and toddlers vulnerable to exposure to BPA in infant formula and baby food packaging. Massachusetts is the eighth state to pass a BPA ban.

News **12/19/10** **11pm** **: 30**

Alcohol poisoning deaths are soaring in Massachusetts, and state health officials are pointing to a number of potential causes from binge drinking to the sales tax exemption given to alcohol sold in stores. The number of deaths attributed to drinking fatal levels of alcohol jumped from just 18 in 2000 to 228 in 2008, a 12-fold increase that has pushed alcohol into the second spot ahead of cocaine overdoses, according to a report by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

News **12/29/10** **5:30pm** **: 30**

Starting next January, you'll know exactly what's in your meat. The U.S. Department of agriculture says labels will be required on meats starting January first of 2012. The labels will feature calories, fat, cholesterol, sodium, protein and vitamins on 40 popular cuts of beef,

poultry, pork and lamb. FDA officials hope it will help health-conscious Americans make wise choices about the meats they choose to eat.

The following is WWLP programming addressing Jobs during the 4th quarter of 2010. These issues were addressed through our locally produced news programming.

News **10/01/10** **11pm** **: 30**

Citing the recession and intense competition in the marketplace, the discount cell phone service provider announced today that they'll cease business operations October 31st. They've already closed 43 retail store locations with 10 remaining stores open through the end of October. Only two stores still stay open in Western Massachusetts; in Springfield and Holyoke. They're not accepting any new customers. And anyone who purchased phones in the past 30 days has 30 days to return their phones and get their money back. 100 retail employees were also laid off.

News **10/05/10** **11pm** **: 30**

Senator Scott Brown delivered the keynote address to a joint Chamber's of Commerce legislative lunch in Holyoke today. Business leaders from Chicopee and Westfield asked the Senator what's happening in Washington to help struggling small businesses in the cities. Senator Brown said he's trying to help businesses without spending taxpayers' cash.

News **10/07/10** **11pm** **: 30**

In this economy you'd think any kind of hiring is a good sign. Temporary hiring may not translate into full time jobs and that's a problem. And it doesn't bode well for the holiday season. Temporary hiring is up 22% from last year. And normally that means full time jobs are around the corner. But this time, the unemployment rate remains unchanged. And that's not good news for the upcoming holiday shopping season. Future Works career services sees an increase in seasonal hiring in October and so far those hiring signs are not up yet. But there's still hope, many retailers do plan on hiring soon for extended holiday hours. And for some that could mean a full time job afterwards. And Future Works does not expect the economy to look much better this holiday season than it did last year.

News **10/08/10** **6pm** **: 30**

This month marks the longest stretch that unemployment has been over 9.5 percent, since the 1930's. There's good news and bad news. There was a wave of Government layoffs as census work ended, but the private sector is hiring. National unemployment numbers have been more than 9.5 percent for 14 months, frustrating for those who are trying to land something before the end of the year. Executive Director of Future Works in Springfield says people should prepare for a slow recovery. They've seen a consistent number of employers turn out for job fairs, but after the last fair, she worries those looking for jobs are getting discouraged. Michael Terry is finishing electricians school isn't letting a tough market stop him. An attitude that could yield a job as the economy creeps along.

News **10/13/10** **5pm** **: 30**

Employees at one local hospital are breathing a sigh of relief. UMASS Memorial Health Care is cutting jobs. Wing Memorial Hospital in Palmer is part of the UMASS system. The director of public relations and marketing at Wing says they will not be facing any cuts. People think that it's because of the hospital's success.

News **10/18/10** **5pm** **: 30**

If you keep getting rejected from potential jobs, it might be because you aren't following up the right way. In spite of efforts to follow-up after his interviews, Ken Xiong has been out of work for several months. I wait for a couple of weeks, two weeks or what not, give them a heads up and see what's going on with my application. But it might take more than that to actually land the job. The amount of time interview subjects have to wait between an interview and a decision is longer these days, which means persistence is key. The odds are against them. They have better odds if they show interest. Shannon Mathur from Advantage Staffing in West Springfield says jobseekers need to follow-up in several different ways after an interview. We tell them depending on the position and if it's appropriate to follow-up with a note or email to the client. Mathur says there are some things to remember when following up: Establish what the next step will be during the interview. Send a personalized follow-up note or email within 24 hours of the interview. And, finally, show continued interest by checking in with the company again 7-10 days after the initial interview.

News **10/20/10** **5pm** **: 30**

Cooley Dickinson Hospital is making another round of job cuts. They are cutting 60 positions. They plan on doing this by laying off people and not filling positions that become vacated. Cooley Dickinson Hospital is feeling the pain of the recession. More and more people are delaying care, which means fewer customers; on top of that insurers are paying hospitals less. It's a situation which has forced them to drastically trim their budget. A representative from Cooley Dickinson Hospital wouldn't go on camera. But, they did give this statement to 22News explaining how they plan on cutting costs: Cut 60 full time positions, work redesign and no pay increases for non-union employees. They will cut 60 full time positions. They plan on doing that through layoffs and simply not filling positions that are vacated. They also are going to find ways to increase efficiency with the staff they have through a program they call "work redesign." Finally, non-union employees will not get pay increases and they'll ask union employees to do the same. Cooley Dickinson Hospital maintains that this budget plan will not prohibit them from "providing high-quality care and service to their patients." Cooley Dickinson Hospital would not reveal how many layoffs there would be. They said they are going to do the work design first and then figure out where the reductions will be made.

News **10/21/10** **6pm** **: 30**

Despite the downturn in the economy, one business was celebrating its success and growth today. Seahorse Bioscience, a company that manufactures equipment used for medical

research, recently expanded its operation into Western Massachusetts. It now employs 50 people in Chicopee and its CEO looks forward to hiring more.

News **11/04/10** **5:30pm** **: 30**

New numbers out tonight show a growing number of people are looking for work. The Labor Department reports the number of people filing for unemployment benefits jumped sharply last week. The troubling increase follows two straight weeks of declines. Julius Williams spent the afternoon at Futureworks Career Center in Springfield. He told 22news he's been trying to find a job for three months.

News **11/10/10** **6pm** **: 30**

Unemployment figures have dropped and that could mean more hiring in the future. There are more jobs available now than there were a few months ago but the number is still not enough to encourage a strong recovery. Fewer people applied for unemployment aid last week it's the third drop in four weeks. Some experts say this is great news but others say you need to look at the big picture. On the positive side, October saw more job growth than previous months. On the flip side, there are barely enough new jobs to keep up with population growth. Just because fewer people filed for unemployment this week doesn't mean the unemployment figure of 9.6% will go down but at least this is a small step in the right direction.

News **11/17/10** **5pm** **: 30**

The holidays are not only a time of giving; they are a time of hiring; at least for people looking for temporary work. Due to tough economic times, thousand of people in Western Massachusetts are looking for jobs. And at this time of year many retailers are looking for seasonal workers.

News **11/18/10** **6pm** **: 30**

Urban planning and architectural firm "Shook Kelley" will help explore Palmer's future development. "Citizens for Jobs and Growth" met at town hall to get resident input on revitalizing properties and developing new businesses, including restaurants, office space, and tourist destinations. "Citizens for Jobs and Growth" has been supportive of plans to build a possible casino in Palmer, if and when gambling is approved in Massachusetts.

News **11/20/10** **6am** **: 30**

While the economy is slowly recovering from the recession, there are still millions of people out of work. With so many candidates competing for open positions, it's a seller's market for employers. Many newly- unemployed older workers have to determine a strategy to market themselves. Futureworks Career Services Manager Konrad Rogowski says older candidates might have to come to terms that they won't earn the paycheck they used to and use their age as an advantage.

News **12/01/10** **11pm** **: 30**

The Labor Department says, without an extension, nearly two million people will lose their unemployment benefits by Christmas. Five Arise for Social Justice members assembled outside the Springfield federal building, the location of Congressman Richard Neal's local office. They want to enlist legislative support for a benefits extension that would affect nearly 30-thousand Massachusetts residents.

News **12/01/10** **6pm** **: 30**

Benefits for thousands of unemployed Massachusetts residents ran out yesterday leaving many with no income just in time for the holidays. And, the only chance for relief is if lawmakers reinstitute the program. The good news is that unemployment in Massachusetts is now at 8.1%, lower than the national average of 9.6% and job postings are on the rise with a 90% increase in the number of jobs listed in October of this year versus last. If you no longer have benefits, Futureworks suggests looking into local agencies that will be able to help with food, heat, and transportation.

News **12/02/10** **11pm** **: 30**

It's December first and while many of us are thinking about the holiday season... millions more are wondering about finding work. In just a few weeks millions of Americans will run out of jobless benefits and to them going out to buy presents at shopping plazas won't be the most wonderful time of the year. Unemployment benefits that had been extended for people up to 99 weeks will end this month. Republicans say they're open to extending benefits, but not if it means adding to the \$13.8 trillion national debt. Democrats argue that the extended benefits should be paid for with deficit spending because it injects money into the economy. And people say for many who are without jobs, it's just a harsh environment. Many we spoke with agreed and it only makes it worse now that it's the holiday season. Even looking on the bright side, people acknowledge being unemployed will be hard this time of the year. If the benefits are not extended that could mean roughly 4 million people by 2011.

News **12/02/10** **12pm** **: 30**

More Americans signed up for unemployment benefits last week but the broader trend in layoffs points to a slowly healing jobs market. The Labor Department says new claims for unemployment aid rose last week to 436,000. That's up from 410,000 last week. The figures are often volatile during the weeks around the Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving holidays.

News **12/06/10** **6pm** **: 30**

If you're unemployed, you may want to change careers. According to a Federal Reserve study there may be a labor shortage looming in New England. With baby boomers ready to retire the workforce may lose more than 800-thousand skilled workers by 2018. Physical

therapists and other medical support jobs will be in high demand. At American International College, the physical therapy program is full and graduates are finding jobs.

News **12/07/10** **6pm** **: 30**

President Obama cut a deal with Republicans to extend unemployment benefits. He had to promise that tax cuts would be extended to people of all income levels. That signals a major loss for President Obama; because ending tax cuts to the wealthiest Americans was something he campaigned hard for in 2008. But, he said he couldn't let Americans who are struggling to find jobs suffer while this political fight is prolonged. We asked people if they agree with his move to extend jobless benefits.

News **12/23/10** **12pm** **: 30**

Slightly fewer people applied for unemployment benefits last week, the second drop in three weeks. The Labor Department says the number of people seeking benefits edged down by 3,000 to 420,000 in the week that ended Dec. 18.

News **12/30/10** **12pm** **: 30**

The number of people applying for unemployment benefits fell sharply last week. The Labor Department says applications dropped to 388,000. That's the lowest number since July of 2008. Economists say that's a sign of modest job growth, but applications need to fall to 375,000 or below to indicate a significant decline in unemployment.

News **12/30/10** **5:30pm** **: 30**

For a lot of people, it wasn't easy finding work this year. National unemployment numbers are down, but according to Career Point in Holyoke, that may not be the whole story. Career Point said that there are many people who are still unemployed but have stopped receiving their benefits and those people are NOT counted in the unemployment figures. Career Point said that 25% of all jobs are being filled by temp-agencies. They said that sales, service, and I-T jobs are growing the fastest. The director of Career Point told 22News the key to landing a job is to keep at it, every day.